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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE TREASURER

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,


—OF—

DORCHESTER, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Received of Selectmen for 1882, | \$5909 86 |
| Henry Morrill, collector for 1882, | 1717 18 |
| “ “ 1881, | 844 75 |
| Ira B. Norris, collector for 1879, | 48 00 |
| In hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1882, | 721 93 |
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| | \$9,241 72 |

Disbursements.

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| Paid School Money, | \$360 97 |
| on Notes, | 4641 64 |
| on Miscellaneous, | 1054 16 |
| Lawsuit expenses, | 992 36 |
| Highways, | 632 06 |
| Town Officers, | 289 25 |
| Bounties, | 3 30 |
| Paupers, | 714 69 |
| Sheep killed by dogs, | 20 50 |
| Damage on Highway, | 17 72 |
| Abatements, | 23 12 |
| Cash in Treasury, | 491 95 |
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| | \$9241 72 |

Paid on Notes.

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| Paid March 10, 1882, Samuel Stevens, | \$799 75 |
| April 8, Henry Morrill, | 967 75 |
| May 1, Mary J. Swett, | 515 72 |
| May 1, Roxan W. Leavitt, | 1303 30 |

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| June 1st. Sarah M. Martin. | 193 47 |
| June 29th, Maria A. Dolloff, | 77 73 |
| Aug. 26th, Maria A. Hodge, | 30 00 |
| Sept. 2d, B. J. Morrill, | 25 00 |
| Sept. 5, Mary E. Davis, | 206 83 |
| Sept. 22, Laura A. Kidder. | 25 00 |
| Nov. 10, N. B. Kensley, | 300 00 |
| Nov. 16, George B. Fellows, | 42 38 |
| Nov. 28, Ira B. Norris, | 104 79 |
| Dec. 9, L. S. Fellows, | 50 00 |
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| | \$4,641 64 |

School Money.

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| Paid S. W. Hill, | \$81 00 |
| A. P. Whicher, | 29 17 |
| John N. Blodgett, | 34 80 |
| P. R. Follansbee, | 52 56 |
| G. D. Sanborn, | 27 10 |
| John Quimby, Jr., | 17 74 |
| Geo. F. Colburn, | 35 81 |
| James LaMott, | 43 66 |
| Henry Wilkinson, | 26 37 |
| O. O. Whicher, | 12 67 |
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| | \$360 97 |

Miscellaneous.

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| Paid State tax, | \$300 00 |
| County tax, | 462 96 |
| H. H. Woodward, care town house for 1881, | 5 00 |
| C. O. Barney, books and stationery, | 5 53 |
| S. W. Clement, for making deeds, | 1 16 |
| “ “ use of watering trough, | 2 00 |
| S. W. Hill, “ “ “ 1881, | 2 00 |
| W. Y. Hill, “ “ “ 1882, | 2 00 |
| F. A. Durkee, return of births and deaths, | 75 |
| C. O. Barney for printing Reports, | 16 00 |

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| D. L. Guernsey for books, | 2 80 |
| Henry Morrill on non-resident land sale, | 53 69 |
| “ “ “ “ “ | 24 91 |
| “ “ resident “ | 140 76 |
| B. R. Norris, taking affidavit in York case, | 1 00 |
| Carrie Norris, boarding selectmen and auditors, | 6 00 |
| Ira B. Norris, time and expense to Manchester to settle with C. R. Morrison, | 8 00 |
| Ira B. Norris, time and expense to Concord to settle State tax, | 5 60 |
| Ira B. Norris, time and expense at Plymouth two terms court to settle pauper claims with County Commissioners, | 8 00 |
| Ira B. Norris, care town house, | 3 00 |
| John A. Norris, time and expense to Plymouth to pay County tax, | 3 00 |
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| | \$1054 16 |

Highways and Bridges.

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| Paid Amos P. Whicher, labor on highway, | \$ 70 |
| B. R. Norris, “ “ | 1 50 |
| W. C. Aldrich, “ “ | 14 10 |
| Ira B. Norris, “ “ | 4 34 |
| S. D. Clough, “ “ | 3 70 |
| J. Rowen, “ “ | 2 60 |
| W. E. King, “ “ | 3 00 |
| A. E. Wallace, “ “ | 2 00 |
| C. A. Black, “ “ | 1 00 |
| P. R. Follansbee, “ | 1 00 |
| Henry Wilkinson, “ | 3 00 |
| Samuel Stevens, “ | 4 70 |
| F. Graham, “ | 8 30 |
| “ “ | 22 50 |
| G. D. Sanborn, “ | 1 20 |
| A. P. Whicher, “ | 1 50 |
| J. A. Whicher, “ | 3 00 |
| S. H. Whicher, “ | 6 00 |
| Ira B. Norris, “ | 2 00 |
| Ira Reed, “ | 1 50 |

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| T. J. Estes, labor on Stevens bridge, | 20 12 |
| S. Ellsworth, " Bickford " | 11 25 |
| J. Rowen, " highway, | 2 40 |
| L. P. Whicher, labor on Bickford bridge, | 10 50 |
| F. A. Dolloff, " " | 1 50 |
| A. F. Bickford, " " | 10 00 |
| James LaMott, plank, | 38 93 |
| D. S. Clough, labor on highway, | 9 24 |
| L. S. Fellows, plank and timber, | 12 60 |
| T. J. Estes, labor on Bickford bridge, | 19 25 |
| W. E. King, labor on highway, | 8 60 |
| G. C. Jesseman, labor on Bickford bridge, | 59 37 |
| Joseph Reed, labor on highway, | 1 00 |
| J. M. King, " " | 1 10 |
| W. C. Youngman, labor and boarding help on Bickford bridge, | 16 06 |
| O. L. Whicher, coal to sharpen drills, | 50 |
| B. W. Brown, plank, | 12 79 |
| Ira Reed, labor on highway, | 50 |
| E. Colburn, " " | 5 00 |
| G. W. Sturtevant, " " | 9 33 |
| Wm. J. Sargent, " " | 3 21 |
| E. L. Whicher, " " | 2 00 |
| D. S. Clough, " " | 1 80 |
| G. C. Jessemen, Stevens bridge, | 27 50 |
| Wm. & A. E. Wallace, labor on highway, | 23 76 |
| J. P. Elliott, " " | 10 70 |
| A. Leavitt, " " | 21 55 |
| S. W. Clement, " " | 12 65 |
| F. L. Clement, " " | 1 20 |
| William Buck, " " | 6 30 |
| J. M. Fitts, material used " " | 4 80 |
| P. B. Powers, " " | 3 00 |
| F. Y. Burnham, " and lumber, | 21 75 |
| S. Merrill, " " | 2 00 |
| H. Morrill, " " | 4 00 |
| P. Blaisdell, " " | 3 50 |
| G. Clougoy, " " | 6 78 |
| H. Reed, " " | 4 80 |

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| John A. Norris, | “ and plank, | 79 62 |
| J. M. King, | “ | 1 70 |
| H. P. Smith, | “ bridge, | 1 50 |
| C. Clough, | “ “ | 7 50 |
| S. Stevens, | “ “ | 9 00 |
| W. C. Youngman, | “ “ | 13 46 |
| C. A. Black, | “ | 1 30 |
| Wm. J. Sargent, | “ | 3 30 |
| C. E. Noyes, | “ | 4 20 |
| James LaMott, | “ and plank, | 11 51 |
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| | | \$632 06 |

Damage on Highway.

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| Paid Reuben Whicher, | \$10 00 |
| Mary C. Clement, | 1 90 |
| J. M. Fitts, | 3 95 |
| G. C. Jesseman, | 1 87 |
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| \$17 72 | |

Town Officers' Bills.

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| Paid Ira B. Norris, 1st Selectman. | \$51 75 |
| James LaMott, 2d “ | 22 50 |
| G. C. Jesseman, 3d, “ | 34 25 |
| “ “ Overseer of Poor, | 2 50 |
| Ira B. Norris, “ “ | 17 00 |
| James M. King, supervisor, | 12 00 |
| W. W. Rowen, “ | 13 50 |
| Byron Richardson, S. S. Committee, | 22 75 |
| B. R. Norris & S. W. Hill, Auditors, | 3 00 |
| Henry H. Woodward, Town clerk, | 12 00 |
| Henry Morrill, Collector 1881, | 50 00 |
| “ “ “ 1882 | 30 00 |
| John A. Norris, Treasurer, | 18 00 |
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| \$289 25 | |

Lawsuit Expenses.

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| Paid C. R. Morrison, | \$466 66 |
| F. D. Currier, | 270 00 |
| Burley & Adams, | 220 00 |
| E. Smith, | 35 70 |
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| | \$992 36 |

Support of Paupers.

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| Paid Ellen Buck, boarding Mary Powers, | \$77 55 |
| “ “ medicine “ “ | 29 97 |
| J. M. Fitts, for Mary Colburn, | 18 00 |
| Ellen Buck, morphine for Rhoda Jepperson, | 8 64 |
| Eaton, Davis & Co., shoes “ “ | 1 00 |
| R. F. Martin, boarding “ “ | 8 56 |
| A. E. Barney, shawl “ “ | 2 00 |
| J. M. Fitts, clothing “ “ | 2 16 |
| Samuel Stevens, board “ “ | 12 60 |
| Nancy M. Hill, board and clothing “ | 13 00 |
| “ “ “ | 9 80 |
| S. W. Hill, board, “ “ | 5 00 |
| G. F. Colburn, support G. C. Colburn, | 96 00 |
| O. L. Rand, goods for J. W. Brooks, | 14 15 |
| J. M. Fitts, “ “ “ | 70 72 |
| O. L. Corliss, medical attendance, | 6 75 |
| “ “ “ “ Helen M. York, | 8 75 |
| Ella J. Waldron, care “ “ | 26 00 |
| G. W. Jesseman, funeral services “ “ | 2 00 |
| Abbie S. Wright, board “ “ | 24 54 |
| A. E. Barney, clothing “ “ | 1 48 |
| Maria H. Jesseman “ “ | 10 00 |
| J. C. Wheet, medical attendance “ “ | 36 00 |
| M. Y. Leavitt, digging grave “ “ | 3 00 |
| T. Sanborn, coffin, “ “ | 13 00 |
| F. A. Durkee, medical attendance Frank Reed, | 3 00 |
| J. C. Wheet, “ “ “ “ | 1 00 |
| “ “ “ “ D. Jepperson. | 18 00 |
| P. Blaisdell, goods for Daniel Jepperson. | 7 78 |

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| J. M. Fitts, " " " | 6 23 |
| Joseph Reed, " " " | 6 46 |
| G. C. Jesseman, time and expense of burial at Lis- bon of Daniel Jepperson, | 13 30 |
| J. D. Cross, funeral services of Daniel Jepperson, | 3 00 |
| T. Sanborn, coffin and box, " " | 17 00 |
| Town of Plymouth, support W. C. Ripley family, | 39 00 |
| H. J. Jesseman, aid Mrs. Wescott, | 3 00 |
| Samuel Stevens, board Bertie Cook, | 17 25 |
| C. L. Whicher, or examination of leg, | 10 00 |
| J. C. Wheet, med. att'd. John McGrath's wife, | 71 00 |
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| | \$714 69 |

Bounty on Crows.

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| Paid T. J. Estes, on 2 crows, | 20 |
| John Quimby, jr., 5 crows, | 50 |
| E. Goss, 4 " | 40 |
| F. Y. Burnham, 2 " | 20 |
| Isaac Burnham, 10 " | 1 00 |
| Eddie E. Clement, 2 crows, | 20 |
| J. M. Fitts, 5 " | 50 |
| Erven H. Reed, 1 " | 10 |
| C. Jesseman, 2 " | 20 |
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| | \$3 30 |

Abatements.

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| F. B. Smart, on dog, | 1 00 |
| Aaron Reed, tax 1880, | 6 64 |
| J. S. Calley, " " | 6 48 |
| H. H. Bailey, " 1879, | 3 00 |
| Thomas Murphy, tax 1879, | 2 00 |
| F. Carter, " | 2 00 |
| Israel Sharron, " | 2 00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. NORRIS, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

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| Received of H. H. Woodward, for use of town house, | \$3 00 |
| I. B. Norris, on land sale note, | 3 90 |
| A Hardy, on note, | 20 00 |
| County of Gratton, | 52 41 |
| I. B. Norris, on land sale note, | 43 66 |
| Selectmen, from sale of Jefferson property, | 128 17 |
| J. W. Burley, on land sale note, | 14 82 |
| I. B. Norris, " " " | 10 60 |
| State, on Bounties, | 1 20 |
| County of Grafton, | 108 54 |
| State savings bank tax, | 95 47 |
| " Literary fund, | 62 10 |
| I. B. Norris, on land sale notes, | 40 60 |
| Selectmen, balance sale Jefferson property, | 23 71 |
| Borrowed of Samuel Stevens, renewed note, | 799 75 |
| Henry Morrill, " " | 967 75 |
| Mary J. Swett, " " | 515 72 |
| Roxanna W. Leavitt, renewed note, | 1325 00 |
| Mary A. Hadley, | 300 00 |
| Sarah M. Martin, " " | 193 47 |
| Mary E. Davis, " " | 100 00 |
| H. J. Ellinwood, | 200 00 |
| Geo. W. Hadley, | 100 00 |
| Jonathan Kidder, | 200 00 |
| Harrison H. Stevens, | 150 00 |
| William Bachelder, | 125 00 |
| Roxanna W. Leavitt, | 25 00 |
| Amanda E. Hayward, | 300 00 |
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| | \$5909 86 |

Paid J. A. Norris, Town Treasurer.

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| March 10, 1882, | \$799 75 |
| April 8, | 967 75 |
| May 2, | 1840 72 |
| May 23, | 372 41 |
| June 9, | 241 03 |
| June 21, | 145 99 |
| Sept. 8, | 100 00 |
| Oct. 13, | 210 60 |
| Nov. 14, | 559 74 |
| Nov. 22, | 125 00 |
| Dec. 5, | 25 00 |
| Feb. 3, 1883, | 157 57 |
| Feb. 14, | 240 00 |
| Feb. 28, | 124 30 |
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| | \$5909 86 |

Due the Town March 1st, 1883.

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| C. O. Barnes, | \$215 63 |
| Non-resident lands, | 435 93 |
| State on Bounties for 1877 and 1878, | 39 60 |
| Abram Hardy, on note, | 16 87 |
| County of Grafton, | 91 85 |
| A. Woodward, for grass on Colburn place, | 11 11 |
| J. S. Merrill, " " " | 18 00 |
| J. W. Burley, on land sale notes, | 97 83 |
| Geo. C. Jesseman, " " " | 30 58 |
| Ira B. Norris, | 142 55 |
| Alden Youngman, | 341 43 |
| Ira B. Norris, Collector for 1876, | 34 44 |
| J. W. Burley, " 1877, | 47 48 |
| J. M. Fitts, " 1878, | 7 28 |
| I. B. Norris, " 1879, | 47 89 |
| Henry Morrill, " 1880, | 44 52 |
| Henry Morrill, " 1881, | 215 27 |
| Henry Morrill, " 1882, | 1020 14 |
| Claim on L. Colburn place, | 250 00 |
| In hands of Treasurer, | 491 95 |
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| | \$3600 31 |

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| Outstanding notes against the town, | \$20,346 67 |
| Due the town, | 3,600 31 |
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| Debt above available means, | \$16,746 36 |

Respectfully submitted,

IRA B. NORRIS,

GEORGE C. JESSEMAN,

} Selectmen
of
Dorchester.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen, for the year ending March 1st, 1883, find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

STILLMAN MERRILL, }
HENRY MORRILL, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting to the inhabitants of Dorchester my report for the past year, I would say that we have been unusually successful in obtaining good and experienced teachers. Consequently we have had, with one or two exceptions, what would necessarily follow—good and profitable schools. The amount of school money has been very small ; in some districts as short a term as five or six weeks has been the length of the school. It is to be hoped that parents will see the necessity of a more liberal amount being provided for the coming year. With our limited allowance and the constant change of teachers, it is not to be wondered at that we cannot compete with other towns that have more advantages. But we can with a little effort, and a small additional outlay, retain our former and experienced teachers, and secure good schools even with our slender means. The report of each school as I have learned from my visits and examinations, is as follows :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer, taught by Miss Marie A. Dolloff, and was a pattern school in all respects. The scholars seemed to join with the teacher in making a successful term.

The winter term in this district was conducted by Mrs. Carrie J. Little. Although Mrs. L. was considered an efficient teacher, there seemed to be a lack of sympathy that is necessary between teacher and pupil, to make it a profitable school. As sickness obliged Mrs. Little to leave before the close of the term, am unable to report the progress made.

DISTRICTS NOS. 2 & 6.

Were taught by Mrs. R. W. Leavitt, with her usual good success. Let us by all means retain our former teachers, that have learned and know the capabilities of the different scholars, and can go to work understandingly to make the school a success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Both terms taught by Miss Emma Jewell of Groton. Although this was her first effort at teaching, her school showed evidence at the close of good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms conducted by Miss Jennie S. Clark, and although composed mostly of small scholars, I was perfectly satisfied with her patience and efforts to make a model school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Fall and only term taught by Miss Sadie R. Ash, of Plymouth. During my visits I found the school quiet and studious and the teacher doing her best to improve the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Mary C. Clement, with a decided improvement on last year's school. She has done what has heretofore been a difficult thing to do. Kept the number of pupils good until the end of the term.

DISTRICTS NO. 8 & 10.

Taught by Miss Etta Leavitt. Although both small schools, they showed evidence at the close of diligent work and good results. No. 10 in particular, showed much interest, and very great improvement at the close of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Taught by Miss Minnie L. Brown of Plymouth. Miss Brown's earnest efforts, and pleasant methods of teaching were crowned with great success, and it is hoped her services will be secured

for the ensuing year. Where we have had good teachers for the past year, let us retain them by all means, as scholars will make more improvement with them than with strangers.

The No. of scholars in each district and those attending to different branches will be found in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| No. District. | Terms. | Names of Teachers. | Length in weeks. | Whole No. pupils. | No. in Arithmetic. | Geography. | Grammar. | No. bet. 5 and 15 not att'd'g school. |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Summer. | Mary A. Dolloff, | 7 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | Winter. | Carrie J. Little, | 7.6 | 25 | 23 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | Fall. | Roxana W. Leavitt, | 7.4 | 25 | 12 | 5 | | 1 |
| 3 | S. | Emma Jewell, | 8 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 5 | |
| 3 | F. | " " | 13.6 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 | |
| 4 | S. | Jennie S. Clark, | 5 | 18 | 11 | 1 | 1 | |
| 4 | F. | " " | 13 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 2 | |
| 5 | F. | Sadie R. Ash, | 8.6 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 1 | |
| 6 | S. | Roxana W. Leavitt, | 5 | 9 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 7 | F. | Mary C. Clement, | 8 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 2 | |
| 8 | S. | Etta Leavitt, | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | |
| 8 | F. | " " | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 10 | F. | Etta Leavitt, | 6 | 10 | 8 | 4 | | 1 |
| 13 | W. | Minnie L. Brown, | 9 | 23 | 22 | 7 | 16 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

BYRON RICHARDSON, *Supt. of Schools.*

